use of critical inputs like seeds of high yielding varieties/hybrids, micro-nutrients, plant protection chemicals, plan to protection equipments, improved farm imlements, rhyzobium culture, sypsum/pyrites etc. Besides, for quick transfer of newly developed technology demonstrations on the farmers' fields are organised and traininging is imparted to the farmers/ farm Labourers etc.

NDDB outlets for fruits and vegetables

2152. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NDDB has decided to set up more retail outlets for fruits and vegetables;

(b) if so, the details of the marketing plan State-wise for the current year; and

(c) what has been the response to the presently operated outlets for these commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) Response from the customers to the presently operated outlets of NDDB fruits and Vegetables Project in Delhi is good.

2163. (Transferred to 22nd March, 1993)

Technology mission on oilseeds

2153. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Technology Mission on Oilseeds has launched in May, 1986;

(b) If so, the total oilseeds production in the country since the Mission was launched till date;

(c) whether pulses were brought under the purview of Technology Mission in August, 1990; and

(d) if so, the total pulses production in the country since August 1990 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Total production of nine major oilseeds is as under:

Year	Production (Lakh Tonnes)
1986-87	112.7
1987-88	126.5
1988-89	180.3
1989-90	169.2
1990-91	186.1
1991-92	182.8

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The total pulses production in the country was as under:

Year	Production (Lakh Tonnes
1990-91	142.
1991-92	120.

Mirkarwada fisheries Harbour

2155. DR. RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV RAVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approval of an estimated cost of Rs. 344.25 lakhs was accorded by the Government

in April, 1977 for construction of Mirkarwada (District Ratnagiri) Fisheries Harbour;

(b) whether it is also a fact that approval of Rs. 1107.00 lakhs had also been accorded in July, 1987 for the same work due to increase in the cost;

(c) whether it is a fact that an expenditure of Rs. 14.53 crores for this work has been incurred upto October, 1992;

(d) whether it is also a fact that due to increase of construction cost, pending approval the estimated cost has been further revised to Rs. 1870.21 lakh special care has not been taken regarding time bound work;

(e) if so, the reasons for non completions of the construction of the Harbour and a time bound programme; and

(f) what steps are proposed to be taken for early completion of the Harbour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) According to the information available from the State Government, an amount of Rs. 1435.40 lakhs was spent upto September, 1992 on the project.

(d) to (f) Recently the Government of Maharashtra submitted the revised cost estimate of the project amounting to Rs. 1870.24 lakhs for consideration of the Government. While issuing the revised administrative approval for Rs. 1107.00 lakhs in July, 1987, it was clarified that no cost escalation over and above sanctioned amount would be entertained and that the State Government would take necessary steps to ensure completion of the project by October, 1987. However, the State Government could not complete the work within the time frame resulting in cost/time over run. It is now the responsibility of the State Government to complete the harbour quickly out of its own resources.

Compaign against multinational seed Corporations

2156. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers propose to launch a nation wide campaign against multinational seed corporations;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Reports about agitation by farmers against multinational seed corporations have appeared in some newspapers.

(c) Safeguards for farmers have already been provided under the New Policy on Seed Development, 1988 which is reviewed periodically.

Promotion of Scientists in ICAR

2157. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has referred the case of promotion of Scientists working in the pay scale Rs. 2200—